

**ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY**  
**&**  
**ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPSFIELD**

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**THIRTY THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**



**Collect**

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

## **Gospel** (Mark 13: 24 – 32)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

## **Reflection**

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel.

Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times.

Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

## Celebration of Mass

Hand sanitisers will still be used and face coverings are strongly recommended

Friday 12 November	7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
Saturday 13 November	5.30pm	Mass	Nympsfield
Sunday 14 November	10.30am	Mass	Dursley
Wednesday 17 November		<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday 18 November	10.00am	Mass	Nympsfield
Friday 19 November	7.00pm	Mass	Dursley

### Wednesday 17 November

All are welcome for **Mass for the Deceased** of the Deanery at St Joseph's, Stonehouse at 11.00am followed by tea and coffee in the parish hall.

### Remembrance Sunday, 14 November

Service at the Cross, Nympsfield, at 11.00 followed by Blessing of Graves in St Joseph's churchyard. At Dursley Blessing of Graves after 10.30 Mass.

### First Communion

Application forms for First Communion in 2022 are now available for children in years 3 and 4. The closing date is 9 December, and classes are scheduled to start on 22 February

### Raffle in aid of *Stella Maris*

Thank you for your help so far. We would welcome further offers of prizes – by the end of November, please. Tickets can be bought by delivering a donation in an envelope to St Dominic's – you will not receive a paper ticket, but will be allocated a number for each £1 that you donate

### Time to Start School?

If you have a child born between **1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018**, then **now** is the time to apply for a place at a Catholic primary school in the Diocese. You must complete an application form (either online or on paper - available from the school admissions team of Gloucestershire County Council), for admission during the **2022-23** school year. If your child has been baptised, you **must** also provide a copy of the baptism certificate to your preferred school. Please ensure you apply by the closing date of **15 January 2022**.

### Baptism

Congratulations to the family of Poppy Marie Lockier who was baptised on Sunday 7 November at St Joseph's

## Prayer for the Synod

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.  
All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **Pope's November prayer intention: For those who suffer from depression**

Overwork and work-related stress cause many people to experience extreme exhaustion — mental, emotional, affective, and physical exhaustion.

People living in the Northern Hemisphere enter the Autumn and Winter seasons, during which cooler weather is often accompanied by rainy days and more time spent indoors. Sadness, apathy, and spiritual tiredness can end up dominating people's lives, who are overloaded due to the rhythm of life today.

We are encouraged to reach out to those around us who are depressed, desperate, or without hope, but not to try to comfort others with too many words.

"Often, we should just simply listen in silence, because we cannot go and tell someone, 'No, life's not like that. Listen to me, I'll give you the solution.' There is no solution,"

However, alongside counselling, Jesus' words can help us and others to find solace: "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Let us pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life"

#### **Our Parish**

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently

#### **Diocesan Prayer Link:**

St George/St Theresa of Liseux, Taunton St John Fisher, Wellington

#### **Churches Together Prayer Rota:**

St Joseph, Nympsfield

#### **Parish Prayer Rota:**

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